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CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING

THE second session of the 74th Congress has convened. The Equal Rights Amendment is before the Judiciary Committee of both the Senate and the House. How familiar these words sound to us! Eighty-eight years after the first suffrage convention at Seneca Falls, N. Y., and sixteen years after the winning of suffrage, the Equal Rights bill rests in committee only until it is again reported out to take its place on the Calendar of both Houses. Activity is never allowed to cease within the feminist ranks.

The National Woman's Party is indeed fortunate in having its well-beloved leader and lobbyist, Betty Gram Swing, direct the Congressional work these opening weeks. Joint Secretary of the Congressional Committee, Mrs. Gram Swing, with her extensive experience in campaign work here and in Europe is especially well equipped to read the "signs of the times" in our fight for equality. Speaking of the present outlook in Congress, she says:

"In my opinion, we have the best chance of winning Equal Rights now that we have ever had since the Amendment was first introduced. For one thing, it is election year, and neither Party cares to assume the responsibility of opposing the Equal Rights Amendment and go before the country with that blot on its record.

"Even opponents are admitting that after the Amendment reaches the floor for consideration and the vote, it will stand a good chance of winning. Every few days I meet a Representative or Senator who has had a change of heart toward the Amendment through a better understanding of our purpose. It is really up to the women themselves, this year more than ever before."

It was Betty Gram Swing who led the picket parade in London, advocating the boycott of the Austin automobiles because they were manufactured by Sir Herbert Austin, the Henry Ford of England, who had publicly declared that the elimination of women from industry was a solution of the unemployment problem. This was a protest of women against being ousted from gainful occupations. Mrs. Gram Swing now challenges the women of America in these words:

"After working so long in Europe, I again warn the women of the Western hemisphere that unless they unite at once to stand four-square against *all encroachments* of their rights, they will live to see all these rights swept away. In spite of any minor political differences we may have, if we will combine to protect the advances we have already made, we can win this amendment and win it quickly, at this session of Congress. Why delay?"

CIVIL SERVICE WOMEN ENDORSE AMENDMENT

THE American Alliance of Civil Service Women has just sent word to the National Headquarters of the Woman's Party of its endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment. Dr. Anna W. Hochfelder, President of the American Alliance of Civil Service Women, in a letter dated December 31, 1935, said:

> "The Alliance has gone on record endorsing the Equal Rights Amendment. You may use this endorsement in whatever way you see fit. I trust that the Amendment will pass this Congress."

This endorsement makes the seventh national organization that has given its support to the Amendment. The complete list of endorsements is: The National Woman's Party, the National Association of Women Lawyers, the National Association of Women Osteopaths, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the National Association of Women Dentists, the Quota Club International, and the American Alliance of Civil Service Women.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AT BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Organization

by Clara Snell Wolfe
National Organization Chairman
Continued

National Field Work: Over a month's work in organization has been done in the field this fall. This was begun in mid-western States, near Ohio, in order that attention might be focussed on the conference at the same time. Michigan was the first State visited.

Michigan: Michigan has for some years had a State branch and two large and efficient organizations in Detroit, the Detroit General Council of the National Woman's Party and the Business and Professional Women's Council of the National Woman's Party. These two city groups cover six of the 17 Congressional districts in Michigan. A new branch was formed, or rather an old one revived, in the 2nd district, with Mrs. Conrad Georg, of Ann Harbor, as chairman. This branch began with 18 members and under very favorable

auspices generally. This district is represented in Congress by Hon. Earl C. Michener, Michigan's only member of the House Judiciary Committee. Throughout the organization trip the Judiciary Committee was kept in mind.

In Detroit, also, or in Birmingham, a suburb of Detroit, Mrs. George T. Hendrie, one of our founders, joined the national organization committee and has consented to act as treasurer. Mrs. Hendrie will reorganize the Party in her home district and has already visited Ann Arbor and conferred with the chairman there on Party matters.

Another duty of the organization committee is to have appointed by each State chairman a chairman of organization work in her State. Miss Zaio Woodford, head of the Michigan Branch, appointed Mrs. Lula E. Bachman, attorney, of Detroit, to this position.

Indiana: Indiana has maintained its State organization continuously and holds meetings irregularly as occasion demands. Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson, sister of Booth Tarkington, is chairman. Mrs. Jamieson called a meeting at her home for October 28, at which officers for the combined 11th and 12th Congressional districts were elected. This covers Indianapolis and environs. The new chairman, Dr. Amelia R. Keller, plans to hold regular meetings after the holidays and build up a strong organization. As founder and president of the Equal Franchise League of Indiana years ago, Dr. Keller built that organization up to a high point in numbers and power.

Some work was also done in other Indiana cities; Lafayette, Delphi and Hammond.

Illinois: Only one day was spent in Chicago. This went to a conference with the new chairman, Miss Celia Howard, and in personal interviews with women who may take some leadership later. Dr. Rowena Morse Mann, first woman to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Jena, a Unitarian minister and a fine scholar, joined the Party and promised to speak for us.

On November 18, a new organization was formed in the 17th Congressional district of Illinois at the home of Dr. J. Rose Colby, of Normal. The meeting was attended by the presidents of the Bloomington American Association of University Women and Business and Professional Women's Club and other community leaders. Mrs. Stella Henderson was elected chairman and Miss Gerda Okerlund treasurer. This group does not wish to hold regular meetings, but intends to build up its membership to at least 25 and to secure the vote of its Congressman for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Wisconsin: Twenty-four hours in Milwaukee gave opportunity to carry the invitation to the conference and briefly to survey the situation preparatory to reorganization later.

This report will be continued in next issue.

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OBJECT

To secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships and in particular to secure the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the National Constitution and the Equal Rights Treaty. They read as follows:

THE LUCRETIA MOTT AMENDMENT

"Men and women shall have Equal Rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

INTRODUCED — Senate — By Senator Townsend, Del., Jan. 4, 1935. (Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.)
House — By Rep. Ludlow, Ind., Jan. 3, 1935. (House Joint Resolution No. 1.)

PRESENT STATUS — Senate — Before Judiciary Committee. House — Before Judiciary Committee.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS TREATY

Article 1

The contracting States agree that upon the ratification of this treaty men and women shall have equal rights throughout the territory subject to their respective jurisdictions.

SIGNED — By the Governments of Cuba, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Uruguay at Montevideo, December, 1933.

PRESENT STATUS — On the agenda of the League of Nations Assembly, September, 1935.

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Receipts collected by National Headquarters from founding of Woman's Party, December 7, 1912, to December 31, 1934, and already acknowledged in Equal Rights, amount to $1,961,284.59.

The following additional receipts, exclusive of subscriptions from Equal Rights, were received during January, February, and March, 1935:

January, 1935

Mrs. Harriet E. Brewer, N. Y.	$1.00
Mrs. Emily Bright, Calif.	4.00
Mrs. George L. Callery, Del.	176.00
Mrs. A. Cross	5.00
Mrs. George H. Day, Conn.	25.00
Miss Eva K. Fisher, D. C.	1.00
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Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Del.	135.00
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Mrs. William Kent, Calif.	25.00
New York City Committee	10.00
Mrs. Stephen Pell, N. Y.	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Selden Rogers, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. Emily Smith, Paris	10.00
Mrs. Grace Hoffman White, N. Y.	75.00
Share of dues paid to National Headquarters by the following branches, balances being retained by said branches:	
Kansas Branch	3.75
General Council of Michigan Branch (Evening Group)	2.50
New York City Branch	26.75
South Carolina Branch	4.50
Sale of Literature	2.10
Commission on sale of Parliamentary Law books	2.25
Telephone Commissions	1.43
Rent of rooms at Headquarters	192.59

February, 1935

Mrs. Nina Allender, D. C.	5.00
Dayton, Ohio, Chapter	10.00
Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Del.	25.00
Mrs. William Kent, Calif.	25.00
Mrs. Stephen Pell, N. Y.	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Selden Rogers, N. Y.	5.00
Miss Clara Solomons, S. C.	10.00
Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, D. C.	5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth O. Robinson, D. C.	1.00
Miss Ruth Schaffer, Va.	1.00
Miss Louise Stecher, Colo.	1.00
Mrs. Richard Wainwright, D. C.	10.00
Share of dues paid to National Headquarters by the following branches, balances being retained by said branches:	
Government Workers' Council	29.50
Ohio Branch	3.00
South Carolina Branch	.25
Sale of Equal Rights	.20
Sale of Literature	3.50
Special refund from Telephone Company	17.10
Rent of rooms at Headquarters	283.74

March, 1935

Miss Betsy Ashmore, N. Y.	10.00
Mrs. L. D. Atkins, Fla.	1.00
Alfred I. du Pont, Del.	100.00
Mrs. Victor du Pont, Del.	10.00
Annah M. Fletcher, D. C.	1.00
Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Del.	115.00
Mrs. William Kent, Calif.	25.00
Miss Marion May, N. Y.	12.00
Mrs. Hazel Moore, D. C.	1.00
Mrs. Mary Murray, N. Y.	10.00
Ohio (a/c pledge made at Convention)	5.00
Mrs. Stephen Pell, N. Y.	10.00
Miss Emily Perry, D. C.	2.00
Miss Anita Pollitzer, S. C.	5.00
Miss Carol Rehfisch, Calif.	4.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Selden Rogers, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. Grace Hoffman White, N. Y.	200.00
Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, D. C.	10.00
Annie M. Wilson, Md.	5.00
Mrs. O. P. Woodcock, Fla.	1.00
Sale of Equal Rights	3.00
Sale of Literature	14.50
Sale of Postal Cards	.05
Telephone commission	.46
Rent of rooms at Headquarters	424.49
Total Received during January, February and March, 1935	$2,161.66

Contributions to International Fund of National Woman's Party, October 28, 1933, to November 21, 1935.

Contributions for trip of Maria Heldring Rye as Woman's Party delegate to Convention of International Council of Women, Paris, France, July, 1934.

July, 1934

Delaware County, Pa., Branch of Woman's Party, per Mrs. Lois Buenzli, Pa.	25.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, N. Y.	25.00
Mrs. Jane Norman Smith, N. Y.	5.00
Miss Alice Paul, N. J.	25.00

August, 1935

Contributions for trip of Rebekah Greathouse to Copenhagen as Woman's Party delegate to Open Door International Congress.

Mrs. John Jay White, N. Y.	50.00
Mrs. Ruth Vandeer Litt, N. Y.	50.00
Mrs. Lloyd Williams, N. Y	50.00
Mr. Douglas Williams, N. Y.	50.00

September–November, 1935

Contributions for trip of Abby Scott Baker to Geneva Assembly as representative of Inter-American Commission of Women and National Woman's Party.

Mrs. Ethel Adamson, N. J.	30.00
Mrs. William Kent, Calif.	150.00
Miss Edith Goode, D. C. (Sent direct to Mrs. Baker)	25.00
Miss Alice Paul, N. J.	25.00
Mrs. Lola Maverick Lloyd. Ill.	25.00
Inter-American Commission (Sent direct to Mrs. Baker)	50.00
Miss Anne Carter, Texas	1.00
Mrs. Lois Buenzli, Pa.	2.50
New York City Committee of Woman's Party	25.00
Mrs. Jane Norman Smith, N. Y.	15.00

July, 1934–November, 1935

Contributions for donation to Women's Consultative Committee created by League of Nations.

Mrs. Emile Berliner, D. C.	100.00
Mrs. Emily M. Smith, Paris	20.00
Mrs. Clara Snell Wolfe, Ohio	5.00
Government Workers' Council of N. W. P.	10.00
Miss Pauline Spencer, Pa.	5.00
Mrs. Genevieve Fuller, Mass.	10.00
Miss Marion May, N. Y.	50.00

October 28, 1933–November 21, 1935

Contributions for General Expenses of International Campaign.

Mrs. Lola Maverick Lloyd, Ill.	12.00
Mrs. John Jay White, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Del.	20.00
Mrs. Ellen Phelps Crump, Miss.	10.00
Miss Sarah P. Grogan, D. C.	5.00
Dr. Edith Allen, D. C.	1.00
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Mrs. Lucretia J. Williams, Pa.	10.00
Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Pa.	3.00
Miss Emma Hahm, D. C.	10.00
Dr. Mildred Dickerson, D. C.	1.00
Wilhelmina Schwaiger, Pa.	3.25
Marie B. Miller, Pa.	1.25
Miss Alice Paul, N. Y.	25.00
Mrs. Kate G. Winston, Texas	5.00
Mrs. Rilla Nelson, Mich.	5.00
Miss Lizabeth Wiley, Wyo.	1.00
Mrs. George Day, Conn.	10.00
Mrs. Lionel Sutro, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. Mary Murray, N. Y.	10.00
Interest on bank balance, Geneva	.12
Refund by Abby Scott Baker on Geneva Expenses	29.89
Total receipts by International Committee, October 28, 1933–November 21, 1935	1,045.01

Investment and Endowment Committee Income for the year 1933:		
Interest on Bank Balances	12.89	
Interest on Bonds	5,995.73	
Rent received:		
212—2nd Street, N. E.	37.00	
214—2nd Street, N. E.	600.00	
Investment and Endowment Committee Income for the year 1934:		
Headquarters Fund:		
Interest and Dividends received	6,539.43	
Rent received—214 2nd Street, N. E.	600.00	
Belmont Legacy:		
Cash received from Executors of the Estate of Alva E. Belmont—Portion of $100,000 Legacy	94,550.00	
Interest on U. S. Government Securities	1,993.74	
Interest on Bank Deposits	7.17	
Lucreta Mott Endowment Fund:		
Dividends	71.44	
Interest on Bank Deposits	8.62	
Total Receipts by Investment and Endowment Fund Committee—1933 and 1934		110,416.02

Total Receipts, January, February and March, 1935; Contributions to International Fund, October 1933 to November 1935; Investment and Endowment Fund Committee for 1933 and 1934	$113,622.69
Total Receipts, December 7, 1912, to December 31, 1934	1,961,284.59
Total Receipts, December 7, 1912, to March 31, 1935	$2,074,907.28

Will be continued in next issue.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dora G. Ogle, of Catonsville, Md., member of the National Council of the Woman's Party, has been appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee by vote of the National Council. The Committee is composed of Mrs. Ogle, Miss Florence Kennard, of Baltimore, and Mrs. H. G. Crosby, of Catonsville, Md.

Mrs. Ogle asks the cooperation of all State branches in the membership work. She asks the State Chairmen to send complete lists of members, with their addresses, to National Headquarters so that all members may be put on the mailing list for EQUAL RIGHTS. In view of the decision by the National Council at its meeting at Columbus in November, to send the paper to all members as a part of the membership fee, it is essential that a complete list of paid-up members be furnished the National Headquarters immediately.

Mrs. Ogle further reminds State branches that delegates to the coming national convention will be seated upon the basis of dues paid to the National Headquarters before June 1st. The Headquarters must have the name and address of each member with twenty-five cents from her membership fee before that date. In this connection, Mrs. Ogle calls attention to the article in the national constitution reading:

> "Each State organization shall pay to the Treasury of the National organization before June 1st of each year twenty-five cents for each member belonging to such organization."

IN HONOR OF MRS. BLATCH

A dinner in honor of the eightieth birthday of Harriot Stanton Blatch will be given on January 20th at Sherry's, in New York City. Dr. Kate Holladay Claghorn is Chairman of the Dinner Committee. Inez Haynes Irwin is the toast-mistress. Roger Baldwin, Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, of Hartford; Dr. George W. Kirchwey, and Katherine W. Lenroot, head of the Children's Bureau, will be among the speakers.

Florence Bayard Hilles sent the following message to the dinner on behalf of the National Woman's Party:

> "We, members of the National Woman's Party, join with great pleasure in sending cordial greetings to Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch on this happy occasion, her birthday.
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> "In the work for suffrage and then for the removal of all economic and legal discriminations against women we have had long and happy association with Mrs. Blatch. We fully realize the great value of her efforts in behalf of the advancement of women. We appreciate her ability as a leader, a speaker of great forensic ability; her charm and her friendship. We honor her as the daughter of a great mother—Elizabeth Cady Stanton—whose name shines in history. To Harriot Stanton Blatch we bring our message of affection and gratitude on this her birthday."

Mabel Vernon, former member of the National Council of the Woman's Party, will be the official representative of the Woman's Party at the birthday celebration.

EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Eastern Regional Conference of the National Woman's Party will be held in Washington, D. C., January 25-26, 1936. All of the sessions of the Conference will be held at Hotel Washington and will be open to the public. The purpose of these meetings is to aid in the passage of H. R. 5051 which, when enacted into law, will nullify Section 213 of the Economy Act.

The program of the Conference is still more or less tentative, subject to a change of speakers in some instances. In outline it is: Saturday, January 25: A. M., Registration of delegates. Luncheon, 1:30 P. M. Dr. Arabel Clark will introduce Mathilde Barhar, Chairman, D. C. Branch, National Woman's Party, who will open the Conference. Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, National Chairman, Woman's Party will extend greetings to the delegates. The topics to be discussed at the luncheon are Jury Service for Women and the Edith Maxwell Case.

Saturday P. M., following the luncheon, a business meeting will be held.

Saturday Evening Banquet: Topic, Section 213, presided over and arranged by Mrs. Edith Houghton Hooker, Maryland, member of the National Council of the Woman's Party. Among the speakers of interest at this dinner will be Burnita Shelton Matthews, representing the National Association of Women Lawyers; Ruby Lee Minar, American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs; Dr. Kate Karpelas, Medical Women's National Association; Charl Williams, President, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Ray L. Huff, President, American Association of Social Workers. The Government Worker's Council of the Woman's Party is giving the dinner, which will be in the Rose Room of the Washington Hotel. Reception at seven o'clock. Dinner at seven-thirty: Formal.

Sunday, January 26, Business Meeting: 10:30 A. M., Mrs. Ellis A. Schnabel, Pa. Branch, National Woman's Party, will preside.

Sunday, January 26, Luncheon: 1:30 P. M. Topic, Compacts and Equal Rights Amendment. Among the speakers will be Abby Scott Baker, former Political Chairman of the Woman's Party, who will discuss International work; Rebekah Greathouse, National Secretary, Woman's Party, will speak on her trip to Stockholm, and Betty Gram Swing, Joint Secretary of the Congressional Committee of the Woman's Party on the Equal Rights Amendment.

For further information regarding the Conference, call Harriet H. Sheppard, Executive Secretary, Government Worker's Council of the Woman's Party, at Alva Belmont House, Atlantic 1210.